

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 1 has been amended as shown:

The present invention is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EFFICIENTLY BINDING A CUSTOMER ORDER WITH A PROCESSING SYSTEM ASSEMBLY IN A MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT, serial no. (~~RPS920030196US1~~), 10/716,161, and METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ALLOWING A SYSTEM UNDER TEST (SUT) TO BOOT A PLURALITY OF OPERATING SYSTEMS WITHOUT A NEED FOR LOCAL MEDIA, serial no. (~~RPS920030169US1~~), 10/715,961, filed on even date herewith, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

The paragraph beginning on line 8 of page 6 has been amended as shown:

In the operation of the assembly environment of Figure 1, the shop floor system server 100 passes customer orders to the second level server 101 and launches server-side code to perform an initial binding process in accordance with the present invention, as described in more detail in co-pending U.S. Patent application entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EFFICIENTLY BINDING A CUSTOMER ORDER WITH A PROCESSING SYSTEM ASSEMBLY IN A MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT, serial no. (~~RPS920030196US1~~), 10/716,161, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The first level server 104 contains MTSN (machine-type-serial-number) directories. A MTSN directory contains, among other data, the process state file 201 which is built based on the specifics of the customer's order. The local control stations 108 run code to perform in-process binding, as described in more detail in the aforementioned U.S. Patent application (~~Attorney docket RPS9-2003-0196US1~~ 10/716,161). In performing the in-process binding, code running on the local control stations 108 launches the sequencer 203 once the binding is complete for a given SUT.